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I am opposed to the Islander east Pipeline project because of the extensive negative environmental, economic and safety impacts. I urge you to uphold the October 2002 and July 2003 decisions by the CT department of Environmental Protection which denied Islander east a "coastal consistency" determination under CT's federally-approved Coastal Zone Management Program. **Please support our CT DEP and deny Islander East's appeal.**

**Jennifer A. Coombs  
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**Subject: petition to support CT DEP against Islander East**  
**Resent-From:** Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov  
**Date:** Wed, 5 Nov 2003 15:49:01 -0500  
**From:** Marvin Chun <marvin.chun@yale.edu>  
**To:** IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov

I care about Connecticut's environment and Long Island Sound. The current route of the Islander East Pipeline will do long-term environmental damage to Long Island Sound's water quality, shellfish beds and coastal wetlands. Since there is a less environmentally-damaging feasible route alternative, please do not allow Islander East to use their current "preferred" route. I wholeheartedly support the decision of the CT DEP to deny Islander East a "coastal consistency determination". Please deny Islander East's appeal.

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Marvin M. Chun  
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New Haven, CT 06511

**Subject: Comments for public hearing on Islander East's appeal of CT DEP decision that pipeline would have excessively harmful impact on the waters of Long Island Sound**  
**Resent-From:** Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov  
**Date:** Wed, 5 Nov 2003 16:38:33 -0500  
**From:** "Linda Bireley" <LindaBiota@adelphia.net>  
**To:** <IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov>

To: Office of the General Counsel for Ocean Services,  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce,  
1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Subject: Comments for public hearing on Islander East's appeal of CT DEP decision that pipeline would have excessively harmful impact on the waters of Long Island Sound

I was unable to attend the hearing held for the subject purpose on Wednesday, November 5, 9:30 AM at the Omni Hotel, 155 Temple Street, New Haven, and would like to provide the following written comments.

Although retired, I am, by profession, a fisheries scientist and I live in the Long Island Sound Watershed. Thus, I am concerned about the health of Long Island Sound - a resource held by the State of Connecticut in trust for the use and enjoyment by the public.

I support the CT DEP's determination that the Islander East Pipeline fails to conform to our federally approved coastal consistency program. I believe that coastal consistency is, in this case, a statehood matter and your overruling such a determination would be governmental overreaching.

Further the CT DEP has determined that that Islander East's proposed pipeline would have an excessively harmful impact on the waters of Long Island Sound. It will damage invaluable wetlands and thousands of acres of Long Island Sound seafloor, including shellfish beds. Water quality will suffer when toxins and contaminants are released into the Sound.

These impacts might be tolerable if there clear economic benefits to the pipeline and there were no other alternatives for this non-water dependent commercial enterprise. However, this project will negatively impact Long Island Sound's economically valuable and highly productive shellfish, lobster and recreational fisheries and CT's gas rates will likely INCREASE as a result the pipeline. Further, there are alternatives. The "Final Environmental Impact Statement" written by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), identifies a LESS environmentally harmful alternative route (5.5 miles shorter, few shellfish and no wetland impacts) but FERC did not mandate the use of this alternative route. Islander East refuses to consider any alternative routes because their profits might decrease.

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**Subject: STOP the Pipeline NOW**  
**Resent-From:** Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov  
**Date:** Wed, 5 Nov 2003 16:58:07 -0500  
**From:** "Ghyssels, Valerie" <Valerie.Ghyssels@disney.com>  
**To:** <islandereast.comments@noaa.gov>

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**Subject: Islander East Opposition**

**Resent-From:** Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov

**Date:** Wed, 5 Nov 2003 16:04:09 -0800 (PST)

**From:** Laura Barr <laurabarr@sbcglobal.net>

**To:** IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov

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Please support our CT DEP and deny Islander East's appeal.

Sincerely

Laura L Barr

**Subject: Stop The Pipeline!**

**Resent-From:** Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov

**Date:** Wed, 5 Nov 2003 16:22:51 -0800 (PST)

**From:** Marisa Edmonds <missa09116@yahoo.com>

**To:** IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov

I am a thirteen year old student opposed to the pipeline. It will have very negative effects on Connecticut, and I urge you to uphold the october 2002 and July 2003 decisions by the Ct DEP which denied Islander East . Please do what's right, and stop the pipeline.

Thank You,  
Marisa

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**Subject: Pipeline across Long Island Sound**

**Resent-From:** Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov

**Date:** Wed, 5 Nov 2003 19:53:45 EST

**From:** GRETCH322@aol.com

**To:** IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov

I oppose the Islander East being able to put a pipeline across Long Island Sound in the Branford to Long Island new area suggested by them as the best for the project. It is a disaster for Islander East to put a pipeline in this virgin, shellfish rich, ecologically sensitive area.

There are other alternatives already existing within 15 miles of the proposed pipeline where the sound has already been cut, blasted, disturbed and spoiled by pipeline invasion. Why rape a new area just for the profit of a new corporation?

The Connecticut gas customer rates will not benefit from the new gas line as all the gas goes to Long Island. Indeed the gas rates in Connecticut may raise in response to the higher gas rates expected in Long Island.

The environmental impacts are horrendous. The shellfish beds of the Branford area will be destroyed as toxins and contaminants released by the drilling process will not be able to be contained. The lobster industry is already compromised by the activity.

The risk of explosion from a gas leak/pipeline rupture/terrorist target would jeopardize millions and millions of people in a vulnerable, constricted geographic area.

And again, let me state, there is an ALTERNATIVE route that is 5.5 miles shorter, with fewer shellfish beds impacted and no wetlands. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration MUST turn down this unfinished, ill advised and poorly considered application by Islander East.

Finally, there are no compelling reasons for a gas pipeline to exist for Long Island since Long Island does not yet even have a gas generated electric plant to use the gas. This is all about Profits, Future Earnings, using political muscle while the nation's energy policies are still forming, but disregarding the public good.

Please deny the application of Islander East to lay this pipeline.

Sincerely, Gretchen Kingsley, 32 Prospect Hill, Branford, CT 06405

PS Please send me a receipt of this e mail. I want to know my voice has been heard and acknowledged.



**Subject:**

**Resent-From:** Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov

**Date:** Wed, 5 Nov 2003 17:25:00 -0800 (PST)

**From:** Michael DiMassa <dm.dimassa@prodigy.net>

**To:** IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov

I urge you to support CT DEP and to deny Islander East's appeal.

I firmly believe that the health of Long Island Sound, as an economic and recreational resource, is at stake in this matter. The current route of the Islander East Pipeline will do long-term environmental damage to Long Island Sound's water quality, shellfish beds and coastal wetlands. Since there is a less environmentally-damaging feasible route alternative, please do not allow Islander East to use their current "preferred" route. I wholeheartedly support the decision of the CT DEP to deny Islander East a "coastal consistency determination". Please deny Islander East's appeal.

**Subject: (no subject)**

**Resent-From:** Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov

**Date:** Wed, 5 Nov 2003 20:31:08 EST

**From:** YoungPJyoung@aol.com

**To:** IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov

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PLEASE support our CT DEP and deny Islander East's appeal.

Judith A. Young    Branford, CT

**Subject: Stop The Pipeline!!**

**Resent-From:** Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov

**Date:** Wed, 5 Nov 2003 17:59:19 -0800 (PST)

**From:** Angela Young <angelapyoung@sbcglobal.net>

**To:** IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov

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Angela P. Young

**Subject: comments on Islander East pipeline proposal in CT**  
**Resent-From:** Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov  
**Date:** Wed, 5 Nov 2003 11:30:05 -0500  
**From:** "John Seibyl" <jseibyl@indd.org>  
**To:** <IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov>

Dear Sir/Madam,

*Primum non nocere.* As a physician I took a professional oath to, "first, do no harm". I am mindful of this pledge as I consider the impact of the Islander East proposal to construct a pipeline through Branford, CT and across Long Island Sound. As a clinical scientist I am deeply troubled by a proposed plan to route a natural gas pipeline across precious and limited open space in Branford and through delicate marine ecosystems without scientific data to provide reasonable assurance against the deleterious environmental impact this project poses. As a resident of Branford over the past 16 years I am mindful of the significant degradation in the quality of life posed by this project for my fellow residents. As a small business owner I am mindful of the responsibilities of Islander East to its shareholders, but as a father I am ever more mindful of my own responsibilities to my family. I would commend NOAA uphold the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection findings concerning the abrogation of Connecticut's Coastal Zone Management Program this pipeline poses and deny Islander East's appeal. *Primum non nocere.*

John P. Seibyl, MD